

June 9, 2015 Special Joint Study Session with Parks & Recreation Commission
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City of Covington
City Council Special Joint Study Session with Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

(This meeting was recorded and will be retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting).

The Special Joint Study Session with the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 6:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Sean Smith.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Conni Elliott, Troy McIntyre, Laura Morrissey, Zbigniew Tomalik, and Steven Pand.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Bryan Higgins and Lisa Knapton.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Margaret Harto called the joint study session to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: There was Council consensus to approve the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a. Funding for Maintenance and Operations.

Chair Laura Morrissey provided opening remarks on this item and turned the report over to Steve Pand who offered his input on this item.

The Council advised the Parks & Recreation Commission that a better approach would be for the commission to provide input on the topic for Council consideration.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. City Manager Regan Bolli, Public Works Director Don Vondran, Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas, and Park Volunteer George Pearson provided responses.

b. City Council Vision for Town Center Plaza.

Chair Laura Morrissey provided the opening remarks on this item and requested Council input on its vision for town center in order for the commission to gather ideas.

The Council advised the Parks & Recreation Commission that a better approach would be for the commission to provide input on the topic for Council consideration.

Councilmembers provided comments and feedback on this item regarding possible features and amenities.

Mayor Harto and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner requested input on the Parks & Recreation Commission's vision for the town center, and commissioners provided responses.

c. City Council Vision for Recreation Programming.

Chair Laura Morrissey provided the opening remarks on this item and requested Council input on its vision for growth of recreation programming.

The Council advised the Parks & Recreation Commission that a better approach would be for the commission to provide input on the topic for Council consideration.

Councilmembers and commissioners discussed this item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

George Pearson, Covington resident, noted that budget and staffing would need to be considered in going forward with the maintenance and operations discussion.

There being no further comments, Mayor Harto closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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